

**CHAPTER NO. 573**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3278**

**By Kurita, Graves, Burks**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 3303**

**By Black, Coleman, DuBois, Sargent, Todd, Matheny, Pleasant, Lynn, Fowlkes,  
Bowers**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-107 and Section 63-7-112,  
relative to use of the title "nurse".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-107, is amended by  
deleting the current section in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

Any person who holds a license to practice professional nursing under  
this chapter shall, during the effective period of such license, be entitled to use  
the title "nurse", "registered nurse" or abbreviation "R.N." No other person shall  
assume such titles or use such abbreviation or any other words, letters or signs  
to indicate that the person using the same is a professional or registered nurse.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-112, is amended by  
deleting the current section in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

Any person who holds a license to practice practical nursing under this  
chapter shall, during the effective period of such license, be entitled to use the  
title "nurse", "licensed practical nurse" or the abbreviation "L.P.N." No other  
person shall assume such titles or use such abbreviation or any other words,  
letters or signs to indicate that the person using the same is a licensed practical  
nurse.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare  
requiring it.

**PASSED: April 14, 2004**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR